

The Marion C. Smith – Partner of the Year Award

Recipients

CELEBRATE RECOVERY!!!

Join the Voices For Recovery: Strengthening Families and Communities

September is designated as **National Recovery Month** and this year we're highlighting the importance of families, communities, and individuals sharing stories of recovery to encourage others to seek treatment, share their stories, and make a personal connection with the recovery movement.

Background: The *Trailblazer Award* was created and presented on September 30, 2014 to *the Honorable Marion C. Smith* for being the first Executive Director of Fairfield Behavioral Health Services (*formerly Fairfield County Substance Abuse Commission*) whose leadership advanced the health of Fairfield County through *substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services* for 20 years (1975 -1995). In 2015 it was renamed to the Marion C. Smith Partner of the Year Award.

Purpose: This award was created to recognize a partnering organization or entity for outstanding contributions to *Fairfield Behavioral Health Services and the field of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and behavioral health*. Nominees for this award recognize the importance of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services. They recognize that preventing addiction allows for an overall reduction in chronic diseases, crime, dropouts, child abuse, and other public health concerns.

2015

Fairfield County Department of Social Services



Tammy Fullwood, Human Services Coordinator II

2016

Fairfield County School District



Superintendent J. R. Green, Ph.D

2017

Fairfield County Council

(Annual operational funding; rent FREE building and maintenance of current facility and grounds; \$500,000 contribution towards Fairfield Behavioral Health Services' new Outpatient Treatment Facility)



Front Row L to Right:; Mr. Davis Anderson (Fairfield County Deputy Administrator); Mr. Jason Taylor (Fairfield County Administrator); Rev. Quincy Pringle (FBHS Board Chair); Councilman Doug Pauley (FBHS Board County Liaison); Mr. Vernon Kennedy Sr. (FBHS Executive Director); Mrs. Jannita Gaston (FBHS Board Member); and Dr. Virginia Schafer (FBHS Board Member)